

State Board of Optometry

	FY 2022 ACTUAL	FY 2023 ESTIMATE	FY 2024 BASELINE
OPERATING BUDGET			
<i>Full Time Equivalent Positions</i>	2.0	2.0	2.0
Personal Services	132,600	166,100	166,100
Employee Related Expenditures	56,600	61,500	61,500
Professional and Outside Services	0	15,000	15,000
Travel - In State	100	500	500
Travel - Out of State	2,100	4,000	4,000
Other Operating Expenditures	46,300	48,000	40,500
Equipment	0	3,700	3,700
AGENCY TOTAL	237,700	298,800	291,300 ^{1/}
FUND SOURCES			
<i>Other Appropriated Funds</i>			
Board of Optometry Fund	237,700	298,800	291,300
SUBTOTAL - Other Appropriated Funds	237,700	298,800	291,300
SUBTOTAL - Appropriated Funds	237,700	298,800	291,300
TOTAL - ALL SOURCES	237,700	298,800	291,300

AGENCY DESCRIPTION — The board licenses and regulates optometrists and issues certificates authorizing the use of diagnostic pharmaceutical agents. An optometrist examines eyes, measures vision, and prescribes corrective lenses and treatments which do not require a licensed physician. This agency is one of several housed within the Arizona Department of Administration Central Services Bureau.

FOOTNOTES

^{1/} General Appropriation Act funds are appropriated as a Lump Sum by Agency.

Operating Budget

The Baseline includes \$291,300 and 2 FTE Positions from the Board of Optometry Fund in FY 2024 for the operating budget. Adjustments are as follows:

Remove One-Time Funding for E-licensing

The Baseline includes a decrease of \$(7,500) from the Board of Optometry Fund in FY 2024 for the one-time costs associated with migrating to and maintaining an e-licensing application.

Other Issues

Auditor General Report

In April 2022, the Auditor General published a performance audit and sunset review of the board. In terms of budget-related issues, the report found that the board has not reevaluated the appropriateness of its fees since 2016 and that the board's fund balance has grown. The Auditor General recommended the Board of Optometry develop and implement policies and procedures for periodically reviewing the appropriateness of its fees by analyzing the costs of its regulatory processes, comparing these costs to the associated fees, and then revising its fees as needed. The board agreed to this finding and indicating they were working with OSPB to establish a process for such reviews.

SUMMARY OF FUNDS	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Estimate
Board of Optometry Fund (OBA2023/A.R.S. § 32-1705)		Appropriated
Source of Revenue: Monies collected by the board from the examination and licensing of optometrists. The board retains 90% of these monies and deposits 10% in the General Fund.		
Purpose of Fund: To examine, license, investigate, and regulate optometrists, and for board administration.		
Funds Expended	237,700	298,800
Year-End Fund Balance	533,000	550,200